



Gallatin County Fairgrounds Events Park

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Still Time to WIN!

There is still time to submit your suggestions for the "Name Our Newsletter" contest. The deadline is June 15, so get creative and email your ideas to: fairgrounds@gallatin.mt.gov. There is no limit to the number of entries you can submit ... the more the merrier.

The winning newsletter name will receive a "Family Fun Package" to the 2009 Gallatin County Fair. Includes four 5-day admission passes into the Fair, four Bozeman Roundup Rodeo tickets and four all-day unlimited ride carnival passes.

John Michael Montgomery Concert



Come and enjoy the music with John Michael Montgomery in concert, Sunday, July 19 as part of the Gallatin County Fair. Doors to the Haynes Pavilion open at 5 p.m. Montgomery is known for hits like "Life's a Dance", "Sold", "I Can Love You Like That" and "Be My Baby Tonight" and more recently "Letters From Home".

Tickets are currently on sale and available at Murdoch's, Cactus Records and the Fairgrounds office or you can purchase online at: chamberlinproductions.com.

Farmers' Market Returns

The ORIGINAL Gallatin Valley Farmers' Market, established in 1971, starts the 2009 season Saturday, June 20th at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds from 9am to Noon. Each Saturday the market hosts 180-200 vendors with a customer count of 4000 - 6,000. Customers may purchase a variety of locally grown produce, artwork, crafts, frozen meat and pork, fresh baked goods and coffee. The market partners with the Bozeman Senior Center to provide fresh produce to senior citizens at no cost and is the only market in Gallatin Valley that accepts food stamps.

The revenue generated from the market goes back into the community through Career Transitions, a non-profit, 501c3 organization, offering many programs such as: job search, computer literacy classes, basic literacy, GED and entrepreneur classes. The market tradition continues from June 20th through September 12th at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds, 9 a.m. to Noon. For more information call Career Transitions at 388-6701.

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State High School Rodeo Finals ... June 10 - 14

The Montana High School Rodeo Association (MHSRA) has chosen Bozeman to host the 2009 Montana High School State Finals Rodeo. The rodeo will be held June 10 - 14 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds where contestants from across the state will converge to compete for prizes and the chance to go onto the National High School Rodeo Finals in Farmington, New Mexico.

The state finals rodeo will consist of two go-rounds of competition culminating with a championship round, along with a cutting competition and a queen competition. Besides rodeo action, the Host Committee is organizing a trade show, a reunion for past MHSRA members, activities for the student athletes during the week and a shooting sports competition.

You won't want to miss Loyd Ketchum, the world famous professional bullfighter who will be in action at the rodeo and available for autographs.

Daily admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for 13 - 18 years old. Twelve and under are admitted free. For schedule information, visit their web site at www.hsfinalsrodeo.org

Buck Brannaman Clinic Held at Fairgrounds

June 27 - 30 Buck Brannaman will be at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds offering clinics in Horsemanship I and Horsemanship II.

Brannaman is a prominent advocate of natural horsemanship. **He's a widely respected horse gentler** whose approach to training a horse has inspired and revolutionized the equestrian world. His goal is to get the rider to understand as much about their horse as possible. He wants to teach them to under-

stand the horse and where he's coming from. Believing that, training a horse gets a whole lot easier once a trainer learns why a horse does what he does. Brannaman teaches his students to work with **the horse's natural instincts and responses** rather than against them. **His attitude is that "there are no absolutes with horses" and that his life would be a whole lot easier if they were.** **In a clinic he'll assess** the individual levels of each horse

and rider team and coach accordingly, employing techniques learned from men like Tom Dorrance and Ray Hunt.

For registration form and more information log on to www.doublediamondhalters.com or call 406-582-0706. Spectators are welcome and are not required to register in advance and can pay at the gate on the day of the clinic.

Free Latex Paint Swap

The Bozeman Recycling annual latex paint swap is scheduled for Saturday, June 27 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. This is a great opportunity to donate those half-full cans of latex paint that have been sitting on a shelf somewhere just waiting to be used.

Only "usable latex paint" (no solvent-based paint) will be accepted. If paint has been frozen

(looks like cottage cheese or is full of little flakes) it is not usable and will not be accepted.



Paint will be taken 9 a.m. to Noon (maximum of 10 gals.) and you will have to wait while your paint **is checked to see if it's usable.** No paint will be accepted after

Noon. Paint can be taken from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. or until it's all gone.

The Paint Swap will be located at the Southeast corner of the main parking lot on the Fairgrounds. For more information or if you would like to volunteer your time to help, contact Jenny at 586-7671 or email her at jlfmart@hotmail.com.

We are now on MYSPACE! Visit us at
www.myspace.com/gallatincountyfairgrounds

GALLATIN COUNTY FAIR JULY 15 - 19

The Fair is fast approaching with the family fun beginning on Wednesday, July 15 and running through Sunday. The Fair Planning Committee has spent numerous hours planning an exciting, educational and family fun event for the whole community, guaranteed to create memories to last a lifetime.

It's a Montana tradition to attend your local Fair. Cows, horses, pigs, chickens, rabbits, 4-H and open class exhibits, entertainment, commercial exhibitors, carnival rides, blue ribbon and cotton candy are just a few of the things a Fair

offers. Along with laughter, dust, visiting with an old friend and feeling exhausted from the heat of the day are all associated with a Fair.

The Bozeman Classic PBR kicks off the Fair on Wednesday evening. Returning by popular demand is **Super Science, Kid's Zone, Michael Mezmer** - hypnotist extraordinaire, the Colgate Country Showdown, Bozeman Roundup Rodeo, Mud Bogs, the Petting Zoo and Dog Dock Diving. This year there will be a new stingray hands-on exhibit for all to enjoy.

Watch for the Competitors' Entry

Guide in the Bozeman Chronicle on June 15 and the Belgrade News on June 16. This will give you all the information you need to know about entering your goods and crafts for the Fair. Visit the Fairgrounds website: www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.org for on-line entries beginning June 15 and for more Fair information.



DON'T WAIT TILL THERE ALL GONE

**ADVANCED \$15 CARNIVAL ALL-DAY PASSES GO ON SALE
JUNE 1ST AND ARE ONLY AVAILABLE AT THE FAIRGROUNDS OFFICE!**

Marketing Minute - Our Business Buddy

With the Gallatin County Fair only six weeks away, the Fairgrounds staff and volunteers are busy at work to ensure that the 2009 Fair is the best yet! With so many great activities and entertainment that comes to our signature events, we would not be able to have the type of events we have without our sponsors.

One such Business Partner is Dee-O-Gee, a natural pet store located off 8th and Main Street and relatively new to Bozeman. However, **don't let the fact that they are new** deter you, this great store has something for everyone, and the employees and owners are great to work with.

Dee-O-Gee is owned and operated by Josh and Holly Allen. At Dee-O-Gee, Holly brings her previous veterinary technician experience

and multitude of dog treat recipes to work with her everyday. This knowledge and creativity will combine to give you and your favorite four-legged friend the best grooming, nutrition and fashion experience around.

Dee-O-Gee
A NATURAL PET STORE

Not only is Dee-O-Gee an **"all-natural" pet store full of recycled** toys and holistic food, but the **owner's Papillon named Jericho is "recycled" as well.** Josh and Holly believe that rescue dogs make some of the best pets. Jericho is an owner-relinquished rescue dog and the **"shop dog" at Dee-O-Gee**, eager to greet anyone coming in the door.

Celebrate your four-legged

friends fun-loving tastes at Dee-O-Gee, Gallatin Valley's first and finest "natural pet store". Dee-O-Gee is a fabulous shop for you and your pets. I encourage everyone to stop by and see what the store is all about. Please support the businesses who support the Fairgrounds, together, we all win!

If you are ready to become a partner with the Gallatin County Fairgrounds, grow your business and give back to your community, please contact me, Jaime Cargill at jaime.cargill@gallatin.mt.gov or give me a call at 582-3275 and we can set up a time to discuss what the Fairgrounds has to offer your company through our marketing opportunities.

*Jaime Cargill
Marketing Manager*

Fairgrounds Corner Stone - Foundation

The Foundation is busy planning for the County Fair. One of their annual fundraisers is the Cowboy Calcutta at the Bozeman Roundup Ranch Rodeo. The rodeo is an annual event at the Fair and is held on Saturday night. It showcases our Montana cowboys and cowgirls competing in events that highlight the skills they practice each day on the ranch.

There is no glamour or glitz. There are no bulls being ridden (what working cowboy can afford to get bucked off a bull and injured?). These competitors show what it takes to doctor cows out on the range, how they must milk out a wild cow so that its calf can eat, how they brand and sort cattle and what might happen the first time

they step on a young horse that is in training to help out on the ranch. This is a team event as most work on the ranch is done by a couple of people working together.

The Foundation conducts a Cowboy Calcutta right before the start of the rodeo. The auctioneer "sells"

each the high-bidder on the feel will overall at the rodeo. The entire time between the purchaser of the winning team and the Fairgrounds Foundation. Becoming a bidder is a great way to support the Fairgrounds and



there is a possibility that your team will win and you will walk home with a good sum of money. Winners have taken home between \$500 and \$2,000. Not bad for an evening's worth of fun.

Hope to see you all at the Bozeman Roundup on Saturday, July 18th ... register to bid that evening and help support the Fairgrounds!

Don't forget, the Foundation meets on the first Friday of each month at 6:30 a.m at the Holiday in the dining room. If you have some ideas that would help the Fairgrounds or the Foundation, please feel free to drop by and join them for breakfast. You can also call Tim Kuhlman, Foundation President at 587-4561.

JUNE Schedule of Events *(subject to change)*

June 4	Gallatin County Weed Board Meeting	1:15pm - 3pm	Fairgrounds Office
June 5	Fairgrounds Foundation	6:30am - 8am	Holiday Inn
June 6	Youth Dance (under 21) by House Productions (Admission \$7)	9pm - 12am	Bldg #3
June 11	Fair Planning Committee Meeting (Public is welcome to attend)	5:30pm - 7:30pm	Fairgrounds Office
June 10-14	State High School Rodeo Finals (Daily admission \$5; 13 - 18 yrs. - \$3; 12 yrs. & under free)	9am - 5pm	Outdoor Arena
June 16	Fair Board Meeting (Public is welcome to attend)	5:30pm - 7:30pm	Fairgrounds Office
June 17	Fairgrounds Public Meeting (Find out what's going on at the Fairgrounds)	7pm - 9pm	Bldg #3
June 18	Wild West WinterFest Committee Meeting	Cancelled	
June 19	Youth Dance (under 21) by House Productions (Admission \$7)	9pm - 12am	Bldg #3
June 20	Farmer's Market	9am - Noon	Haynes Pavilion
June 25	Fair Planning Committee Meeting (Public is welcome to attend)	5:30pm - 7:30pm	Fairgrounds Office
June 27	Bozeman Recycling Free Latex Paint Swap Farmer's Market	9am - 4pm 9am - Noon	E. Main Parking Lot Haynes Pavilion
June 27-30	Buck Brannaman Clinic	8am - 5pm	Outdoor Arena

Public Meeting - **You're Invited**

The Fairgrounds is having their quarterly public meeting on Wednesday, June 17 at 7 p.m. in Exhibit Building #3. Fairground users, neighbors, businesses and everyone in general is invited to attend and share their thoughts about the future of the Fair-

grounds. There will be a short presentation from the Fairgrounds Foundation and you'll be updated on "what's new, what's old and what's been happening at the Fairgrounds. We will then open the floor to comments and questions from those in attendance.

This is a great opportunity for you to find out what's going on in your neighborhood and get all your questions answered. Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you all at the meeting!

FairEver Yours ...

1908 – that is when the very first Fair was held at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. At that time it **wasn't the Gallatin County Fairgrounds**, but was owned by the Interstate Fair Commission who purchased the property from the University of Syracuse. Shares were sold in the Interstate Fair to raise money to make improvements on the grounds. The very first addition to the Fairgrounds was a one mile race track, the first in the state of Montana. The covered grandstand was added next and then the racing began. There were harness and regular horse races held on the track and eventually there were actually auto races. There was a rodeo arena built into the track, in front of the grandstand and there were Wild West Shows and rodeos held there.

All of this information came from reading the actual minutes of the Interstate Fair Commission. Its very interesting to read through those handwritten documents and learn who the investors were, who was hired to construct the track, fence and the grandstand. The bid prices then and now are certainly fun to compare.

The business the Fair Commis-

sion conducted at their monthly meetings was not that different from the business conducted currently by the Fair Board. Who will be hired to entertain at the Fair, how much will the rent be to use one of the buildings for a dance, how will the improvements to the horse barn be paid for?

When reading through the old records, I keep thinking how important it was to the community to have the Fairgrounds. It provided entertainment, a place for people to meet and learn about current agricultural trends and a location for the youth to play ball, attend dances and exhibit their projects and show off their skills. It brought people to town and provided the local businesses with more customers. **It was the "Main Attraction" so to speak.**

Today, the Fairgrounds is still important to our community. It still serves as a community center with at least three activities taking place each day. Yet it could be even more! Gallatin County has no **"Special Event Center"**, no Civic Center, no multi-use public facility that can accommodate large indoor equine events, concerts, soccer or

arena football contests or a very large convention. The Fairgrounds would be the perfect location for such a facility. It is in the heart of the valley and close to all services. It can provide the supporting structures – stalls for rodeos and horse events, parking for concerts, and large trade shows and small auxiliary buildings for really large conventions. The future of the Fairgrounds actually depends on the development of such an event center. It will help the County Fair grow and help the Fairgrounds become even less dependent upon tax dollars. It would allow visitors to come to our community, attend events and spend some time in our **beautiful valley. The Fairgrounds'** long range plan that has been developed includes an event center, a year round ice skating facility and an indoor and outdoor water park. These amenities would be enjoyed by our residents and visitors alike. It would keep the Fairgrounds vital and make it a facility that our community could really be proud of.

*FairEver Yours,
Sue Shockley,*

For more information on the Fair and the Fairgrounds visit our website:
www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.org